

Existing law, relative to the confidentiality of delinquency records of a juvenile court, specifies as follows concerning a child in grades seven through 12 who is arrested, charged, or adjudicated a delinquent for committing a felony-grade delinquent act or a misdemeanor-grade delinquent act involving distribution or possession with intent to distribute of a controlled dangerous substance or any violent offense against the person:

- (1) Requires the sentencing court to order the release of any portion of a predisposition report containing and limited to conviction, adjudication, or disposition of such child to the principal of the school in which the child is registered and enrolled or is registered and enrolled but suspended. States that this shall occur within 24 hours (exclusive of holidays and weekends) after the court receives a predisposition report and that such notification to the principal shall be a continuing responsibility of the court through adjudication and disposition.
- (2) Provides that the principal shall have a continuing responsibility to advise each teacher who has that student assigned to his class of the notification within two school days after receipt by the principal. States that the information shall be strictly confidential within the school environment and that failure to maintain confidentiality will result in a fine of \$250 per violation.

New law retains existing law. Further provides as follows relative to any juvenile:

- (1) Requires the court, within 24 hours (exclusive of holidays and weekends) of an adjudication of delinquency for an offense of a felony grade and again after a disposition determination, to transmit a copy of the respective order to the principal of the school in which the juvenile is registered and enrolled or is registered and enrolled but suspended.
- (2) Permits a principal to use such orders in any disciplinary action, including but not limited to expulsion and a hearing before the school board. States that when presented with such an order, the school board may consider the contents thereof in any appeal or review of a disciplinary action.

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